

Telecon
Secretary Laird
11:55 a.m. 9/5/69

[Omitted here is discussion unrelated to Seabeds]

K said the President asked about the seabeds thing and K wanted to know how strong Laird felt about the 3 vs 12-mile issue. Laird thought the 12-mile was fine if we could have some language put in there about the accessibility of the straits. This is a matter than can't be worked out later. The Russians won't object to that stance in the treaty. K asked if he could get State to go along with that, would it be o.k. Laird indicated he talked to Rogers and they both agreed. Jerry Smith came in really too late on this and said we can't even raise the question. We told Jerry that the Russians didn't object.

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